

Friends of Horowhenua Libraries

February 2022



I can't believe that we are into late February already! Where has the beginning of the year gone? But we are happy to be able to invite you to morning tea on Wednesday 2nd March at 10 am. It will be lovely to see you all again and catch up on what you have been doing over summer

Due to covid restrictions we are unable to offer tea or coffee but can supply juice, water and light refreshments



Our guest speaker will be Tim Mills on living and working in China.

Tim is a Principal at ASIA's Resource connections , a joint venture formed in 2008 to provide the global mining industry with a cost effective and efficient source of major mining equipment.

This meeting will of course be dependent on the covid situation. If there is any change of plan we will certainly let you know but we are keeping our fingers crossed!

The AGM for the Friends of Horowhenua libraries will take place on Wednesday 16th March at 11.am. In Te Takere.

Do come along to hear what we have been up to in these Covid times and how we plan to proceed.



All current committee members have made themselves available for the coming year. If you have considered becoming more involved in our local community and are not sure where to start we would love to have you join us. If you would like to join our committee we would gladly welcome you.

We are a friendly bunch who are always looking for new ideas on how we can support our libraries to continue to provide the wonderful service that they do.

Many of you will have missed the usual format of our summer book sale.

Summer Book Sale



We were unable to hold the usual grand sale and were extremely grateful to Rose for managing our much constrained version of the sale and also the library staff for assuming responsibility for collection of the monies received. Rose visited the sales table daily to update and replenish stock which was a huge commitment in time and energy by her. We will let you know as soon as possible the final total of funds raised.

Hopefully by the time mid winter rolls around we will be able to revert to our usual sale format which everyone seems to enjoy.

Stocktaking - Yes Libraries have to do this too.

It is possible to do most of the library stocktake electronically, however there is a need to do a final check manually and as you can imagine this is a fairly labour intensive task.

The stocktake usually takes place in June and some of us are happy to help with the final shelf check. If you think you would like to assist with this do keep an eye out for a call in a subsequent newsletter. It's not a particularly heavy task but does require some concentration, and a knowledge of the alphabet and numbers!

Again - this will be Covid dependent as so many activities are these days.

Just in case you missed this



From 3 December 2021 New Zealand moved to the COVID-19 Protection Framework. The framework introduces a new flexible 3-level approach to managing COVID-19 in the community.

Library Services

Opening Hours in our libraries will be changing.

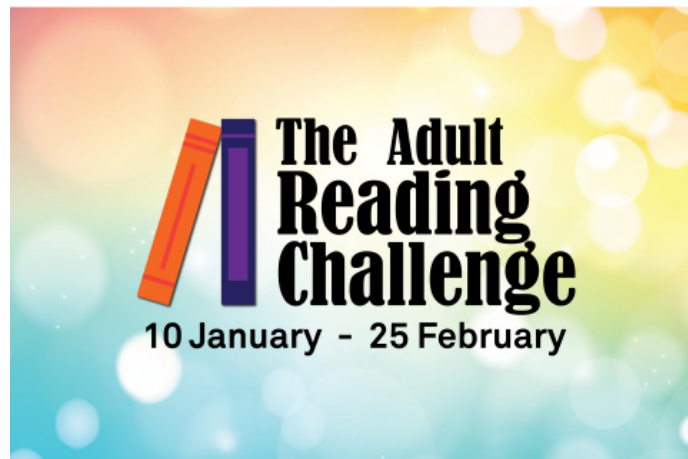
Monday to Friday hours remain the same but Te Takeretanga O kura Hau Po and Shannon Library will no longer be open during the weekends.

Foxton Library hours Monday to Friday will remain the same and Foxton Library will be open on Saturdays from 10 am - 2.00pm. All libraries will be closed on Sundays.

This is to enable staffing levels to be adequate during opening hours and allow for two teams to function independently to maintain library services in the event of any staff members being affected by Covid which would necessitate self isolation..

- Face masks are mandatory in public areas, use the hand sanitiser provided.
- Follow the one metre physical distancing rule.
- There will only be one entry and exit point to the facility and entry will be limited according to the ability to practice physical distancing.
- **There will be security staff on site at entrances to check vaccine passes which will be necessary for you to enter the buildings. You will still need to scan in as well as having to show your vaccine pass.**
- Some programmes and resources may not be available.
- Customer details will be recorded for contact tracing.
- Children 14 years and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Please respect these restrictions and support the staff in the implementation of them.



Do you want to broaden your reading horizons and discover new books, authors and genres?

Has lockdown decimated your reading list?

Do you like a good challenge?

Do you need a new book bestie to pick recommendations from?

Then jump into this Summers adult reading challenge and see where it takes you!

- [Register](#) online or at your local library
- Choose books that match the categories on the inside of the booklet.
- Add the title of each book and its author into the square.
- Write a review on one of your chosen books.
- Mark the book out of 5 stars then drop it off at your local library!

Homelink Delivery Service - Remember this service is available to all Library members - If you find you are unable to get to your library you are able to have items selected for you and delivered to your door by the awesome Homelink team. Just call the library for advice on how to access this service.

If Covid restrictions make it impossible for you to enter the library it does not mean you cannot have the reading material you need!

Happy Reading - See you in the library

